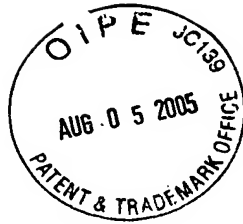


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 28, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.